



## **Lessons Learned - People with Disabilities and Emergency Management**

In carrying its mission during quarterly meetings, the National Council on Disability (NCD) believes it is vital to hear from communities around the country on what works and what does not for people with disabilities. NCD held its first 2008 quarterly public hearing/meeting in New Orleans from January 28 to the 30th. Among the agenda items for discussion were emergency preparedness issues and the disability community. What follows is a monograph outlining key issues raised and discussions from invited subject matter experts in the field of disability and emergency management and public comment.

This monograph

([http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2008/doc/Proceedings\\_Monograph .doc](http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2008/doc/Proceedings_Monograph.doc)) represents the proceedings of the January 2008 NCD quarterly meeting. It is part of a one-year research project on disability issues and disasters that NCD is conducting. The information in this monograph is being released at this time for use by people with disabilities, first responders, policy makers and communities who are actively involved in using lessons learned to improve their emergency preparedness efforts.

For more information on NCD check out their website at [www.ncd.gov](http://www.ncd.gov)

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